

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended, 2-4 and 7-18 have been cancelled, and claims 30-42 have been added. In addition, claims 19-29 were withdrawn in a previous response. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 6, and 30-42 are in the Application.

Interview Summary

Applicants acknowledge that Anthony M. Martinez and Examiner Rao had a telephone interview on February 25, 2003. During the interview, Mr. Martinez and Examiner Rao discussed Examiner Rao's concerns about the claims.

However, Mr. Martinez respectfully point outs that he did not agree that the claims are non-compliant. Mr. Martinez did agree to review the claims and did request additional time to submit an amendment.

Mr. Martinez would like to thank Examiner Rao for discussing the claims and providing the additional time to submit an amendment.

Amendment to the claims

As indicated above, claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 5, and 6 may be found on page 12, lines 14-19, of the Application. Support may also be found in figures 1-13 of the Application and in the corresponding description of these figures in the Application.

As indicated above, claims 30-42 have been added. Support for new claims 30-34 may be found at least in figures 1-12 of the Application and in the corresponding description of these figures in the Application. Support for claims 35-42 may be found at least in figures 1-16 of the Application and in the corresponding description of these figures in the Application.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Conclusion

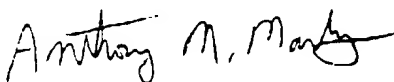
In view of all of the above, it is believed that Applicants' claims are allowable, and the case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. Reconsideration of the objections is respectfully requested.

By this amendment, 3 independent claims have been added and 10 dependent claims have been added. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount necessary under the current fee schedule for these additional claims.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 552-0624 is respectfully solicited.

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